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best to order the vaccination of all steerage passengers before embarkation.

I will use every precaution to avoid danger. I receive daily sanitary reports from the municipio, and am in close relations with the port officials. * * * I do not apprehend an epidemic this season ; there may be a few sporadic cases.

The moment I detect the slightest danger I will cable you.

Respectfully, yours,

FRANK A. DEAN,
United States Consul.

JAPAN.

Outbreak of relapsing fever in Japan.

YOKOHAMA, May 30, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, since the date of my last communication, May 21, no cases of cholera are returned in the government list of infectious diseases, and that no infection has spread from the cases of plague occurring upon the steamships *Rio de Janeiro* and *Coptic*, reported by me under date May 26. Relapsing fever has, however, made its appearance in Japan within the past few weeks, or, more probably, being entirely new to this country, has only been clearly recognized and differentiated within this period. The disease, it seems likely, was brought from the seat of the recent war in northern China, and has already appeared in the districts of Japan enumerated below. Although exact returns of the cases are not yet available, the remarks I have appended will afford some idea of the prevalence of the malady, which is undoubtedly the true relapsing or spirillum fever, and many cases have been met with in Tokyo Fu, Osaka Fu, and Chiba Ken. Very many cases have also occurred in Kagawa Ken and Hiogo Ken; mortality in latter about 20 per cent. A few cases in Tochigi Ken, Gifu Ken, and Kanagawa Ken.

This disease will be treated by me as one requiring precautions under general principles, pending special instructions from you, should you consider it advisable to give such.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

SCOTLAND.

Disappearance of typhus fever in Glasgow.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, June 10, 1896.

SIR: I have much pleasure in reporting that typhus fever has been steadily decreasing since the date of my last report and has now entirely disappeared from Glasgow.

Your obedient servant,

W. GIBSON,
Vice and Acting Consul.

TURKEY.

Sanitary report of Constantinople—Fifteen deaths from bubonic plague in Bitlis.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 4, 1896.

Public health in Constantinople is far from being good. Besides broncho-pneumonia in children and an epidemic of mumps, there exists